



HOPEFUL
homemaking

Hello homemaker!

My prayer is that through these verses and prayers, you'll begin to look at homemaking with a biblical view instead of a worldly view.

It's easy to get caught up in the mess of life, but instead of focusing on the chaos, we need to continue to point our eyes on Heaven. No mess there!

Each day or section, however you decide to read this, is for a space in your home. Not all of us have these specific areas, but there can still be a space you use that might need these prayers (i.e. we don't have a playroom, but we do have spaces that kids play).

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“The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” - 1 Peter 4:7-11



Master Bedroom

When you moved into your home this might have been the first to get set up. You made sure you had a place to sleep and your clothes were somewhat accessible. But if you're anything like me, this room is the last to get real attention to detail. This time, we're going to put it first. Take 5 minutes to make your bed, pick up the stuff from the chair - you know the one that collects all the things, and sit with God.

“So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.” - Matthew 19:6

Prayer

Lord, allow this space to be filled with grace and love. A room filled with peace and rest and comfort. Let our marriage grow stronger here. Give us eyes to see the good in each other. Give us ears to hear each other and mouths to communicate in understanding ways. Let this be a space of security, stress-free relationship building. Let it be us. Amen.

Kids' Bedroom

The room(s) you probably spent the most time on. Picking out colors and art. As your kids grow you want to be intentional with their room, but somehow might always seem to be a mess. Is the effort worth it? Do they even care?

These walls are more than just a space to contain toys. But walls that hold stories of bravery, overcoming, tears, middle of the night snuggles, laughter, and all the life they've lived. Overall, the paint color doesn't matter. After spending a few minutes praying here, pray together with your children.

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth" - 3 John 1:4

Prayer

Mighty God, please watch over these children. I'm so thankful that you've trusted me to care for them. I pray that I'm up to the challenge because we know there will be plenty of hard moments. I stand here in this room and pray that this child be a warrior for your kingdom. I pray that his/her life is used for you. Let this room be a place of safety and comfort. Allow these babies to know that they are always welcome here. Fill this room with peace and the power of the Holy Spirit to allow the best rest. Let each morning be a new day filled with new mercies. Help us to be better parents as we figure out who these little people are becoming. We praise you for them and we recognize that they are blessings and answered prayers. Amen.

Kitchen

The heart of the home. A place to come together and enjoy some of our blessings. This can also be a place of frustration. The time spent preparing, cleaning, and all of the things. Sometimes all of that time goes unnoticed and unappreciated. Children refusing what you've cooked or never wanting to try new things. Oh but the glorious moments when you've prepared something and everyone enjoys it....those moments are lifegiving! Don't worry about picking up that mess before praying, pray over and through the mess.

“And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” - Joshua 24:15

Prayer

Lord, guide me as I make plans to feed our family. Give me wisdom for making decisions on what will best nourish our bodies. Give me strength and patience when no one seems to love what I've made. It would be so fun for all of us to try new things and learn to love new foods from your creation. We praise you for the blessing of this kitchen and the food prepared here. We pray for those without and ask for the opportunity to bless someone else with food prepared here. Help me get through the mess here with a glad heart and grateful eyes. Amen.

Dining Room

A table set for a feast. A table set for a snack. How wonderful a dining room table can be. It's not always easy to get a family gathered at the table for a meal, but when it happens, isn't it joyful? Do you gather daily at the table? Is your table filled with laundry? Wherever you eat, I challenge you to do it together. I challenge you to clean off the table, teach the kids how to set it, and make a special family dinner for no reason. Then put on some fun music and clean up the table with a dance party! As your kids grow and have friends over, include those friends in the dinner and the dance party clean up. It will become life long memories for all!

“And day by day, attending temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.” - Acts 2:46-47

Prayer

Lord, allow this space to be a place where we come together. With those in this family and those we welcome in. Let it be a place for life, community, and building of relationships. We pray that through this space we can serve each other and share the love of Christ. Amen.

Living Room

Toys everywhere. Books scattered around the floor. Maybe a diaper and a box of wipes on the side table. Is this anything like your living room? Those Pinterest/HGTV dreams of a crisp and clean living room are shattered when you look around at the chaos. But that's our worldly view. If we focus correctly, you'll see that time that you poured into explaining kindness between siblings. You'll see the kisses and tickles. You'll see the millions of minutes you've spent teaching what picking up and caring for our things is all about. Life and living. That's what will happen in this room. A life of living together.

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” - Matthew 18:20

Prayer

Lord, let the comparison of staged and perfect homes melt away. Guard my heart from the enemy lies that make my mess feel less than. Give me eyes to see the beauty and the blessing. Let us gather in this space and praise you together. We thank you for the mess and the messmakers. Amen.

Bathrooms

The constant cleaning of the bathroom frustrates me. I think it's a boy mom thing. But one day they'll clean up after themselves, right?

Is your bathroom a place of sanctuary? Something about a hot bath at the end of a long day can be so relaxing and refreshing. Do you countdown the minutes until you get this refuge?

Cleaning off the stress and mess of the day is another joyful reminder of new morning mercies. A shower in the morning is a great way to refresh your spirit and body as you prepare for the day ahead.

“Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.” - Psalm 51:7

Prayer

God, we thank you for the provisions of bathrooms and clean water. We pray this space continues to cleanse our bodies and refresh our minds.
Amen.

Office Space

Do you work from home? Do you have a desk to browse Pinterest or social media? Whatever you do, it's easy to get lost in the tasks and try to work on accomplishing goals for ourselves. If we take this space and try to use it for His glory, it makes it all a little more fresh and a little less work.

So give that desk a little clean up, clear your inbox, unsubscribe from some things. All of the things that are constantly being thrown at us are potential distractions from what our focus should be. Guard your space and your time. Be wise in the way that you work.

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” - Matthew 6:33

Prayer

Lord, thank you for the opportunity to do this work. To provide for our family. Let this space be one of good work that brings attention and glory to you. Help me to let go of any selfishness and pride that creeps in as I accomplish goals set before me. Keep my eyes on you. Keep my heart on you. Your glory, not mine. Amen.

Play Areas

You don't have to have a play room for your kids to have play areas. Don't let that dream playroom prevent you from praying and praising over the spot you currently have.

Whatever the mess is, whatever the chaos is.....just stop and pray. Pray with your children playing. Let them here you pray.

“Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”
- 1 Timothy 4:12

Prayer

Dear God, we know that these spaces can be stressful. We know that kids can easily step away from kindness and sharing. We pray over this place and these toys; that our children and the children that come here will enjoy the time and play respectfully and kindly. That imagination and fun will grow here. That love and laughter multiply. Please guard the hearts, eyes, ears, and minds of these little people. Protect each of them from the enemy and the sinful nature of this world. We pray they grow strong in their relationship with you so they are ready to face the world. Protect their innocence and make them mighty warriors for you. Amen.

Laundry Room

Do you struggle with laundry? Do you hate the chore? Maybe that's just me. I know that creating a system helps and sometimes I fall behind. But I've had to change my view over what this chore is. It's not punishment. It's not something totally horrible. It's cleaning up after we are living life. The swim suits are from my kids playing in the sprinkler. The towels are from our cleansing of ourselves. The clothes I have to hang quickly so they won't get wrinkled, that's because my husband goes to work. Laundry, it's just tangible evidence of us living life.

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.” -
Colossians 3:23-24

Prayer

Lord, we praise you for the ability to clean our clothes. relatively easy. We thank you for the clothing that we have. Keep my eyes on the blessings and not on the burden of actually doing laundry. I know I can grumble about laundry and the time it takes., so please give me a servant heart to continue this chore daily. Give me wisdom to know how to responsibly care for the clothing we have. Make me a good steward of time and resources. Amen.

Yard

No matter how big or small your outdoor space, there's still some chance to be frustrated with the care of it. Too much grass to cut, not a good enough mower, mosquitos, snow, rain, weeds. But we also have a responsibility to care for it well. Going outside is a wonderful chance to see the beauty of creation. We can explore and adventure in the smallest of ways. We can share these tiny moments while seeing the joy and awe in our children's faces. Treasure hunts and running in the grass. Cloud shape finding and picking flowers. Enjoy the fresh air and the little moments of peace that it brings to your days.

“The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.” - Psalm 145:9

Prayer

God, thank you for this space. Thank you for your creation. Help us to be good caretakers of it. Give us the eyes and ability to see the beauty of your handiwork. Use these moment to remind us of your love and care for us. Keep our families safe as we adventure and explore.